



## HEBER CREEPER

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HEBER CREEPER, INC.  
MINUTES BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
APRIL 5, 1975

PRESENT:

Lowe Ashton  
Gordon Mendenhall  
J. R. Edwards  
James W. Ritchie

R. R. Green  
C. H. Nielsen  
W. R. Budd  
J. D. Boggess

ALSO PRESENT:

Gordon G. Wheeler  
Albert LeFevre  
Leon Ritchie  
Doug A. Brown  
Rey L. Arnold

Don C. Hicken  
Craig Drury  
R. J. Hatfield  
Steven L. Carr

Lowe Ashton called for election for officers for the ensuing year. Gordon Mendenhall moved that we suspend the rules and elect Lowe Ashton, President; R. R. Green, First Vice-President; C. H. Nielsen, Second Vice-President; and Rey L. Arnold, Secretary-Treasurer and General Manager by acclamation. J. R. Edwards seconded. Motion carried.

Rey Arnold read the minutes of the Board of Directors meeting of March 18, 1975. James Ritchie moved that they be approved as read. R. R. Green seconded. Motion carried.

Rey Arnold read the minutes of the meeting held March 26, 1975. James Ritchie moved the minutes be approved as read. R. R. Green seconded. Motion carried.

Lowe Ashton reported that he had tentatively reviewed an agreement to purchase the lease on the Hub Cafe from Del Wallengren, and that it would be available to the Creeper on a lease basis. He further indicated that the Creeper could conceivably have the Hub Cafe, the Stardust Cafe, and food on the train. He suggested that these entities would generate sufficient growth to hire a "Marriott" type of manager. He further recommended that if we could not find such a food man in a short period of time we should not consider the Stardust Cafe lease. James Ritchie reported on the minor modifications to the offer on the Stardust, but indicated that it was probably still possible and advisable to consummate an agreement. Considerable discussion of the options ensued.

Lowe Ashton indicated that he would be willing to lease the Hub Cafe on a turn-key basis at 10% of gross sales plus some factor for inflation and approximately \$9,000 to purchase existing inventory. He indicated the Creeper could lease the One-Stop operation for 5% of gross sales, other than gas, and he would pay a minimum commission of 3¢ per gallon on gas sales. The inventory buy out would amount to between \$7,000 and \$8,000. The length of the lease was subject to negotiation.

J. D. Boggess moved that the Creeper lease for 1 year with an option for 5 additional years the Hub Cafe and the One-Stop under terms similar to those described above. He further moved that we proceed to acquire the lease on the NIGHT TRAIN and attempt to locate a qualified food manager. If successful, continue negotiations to lease the Stardust Cafe. R. R. Green seconded. Motion carried.

Lowe Ashton indicated that he had had no specific direction from the Stockholder meeting.

J. D. Boggess described and presented pictures of a promotional vehicle which could be used in parades, as a display at cafes, or to sell tickets from.

Rey Arnold reported that he had met with the new owners of Bridal Veil Falls, and that in his judgement, we may be facing schlocky operations this season. They had agreed to allow us to sell tickets. He expressed concern about the public rest-rooms and planned maintenance. Al LeFevre recommended we check the availability and cost of Hacienda type rest-rooms, as possible rest-rooms for Bridal Veil Falls.

At R. R. Green's suggestion, Lowe Ashton briefly reviewed our short term and long term plans of expenditures, diversification, and the financial requirements.

Lowe Ashton indicated that he hoped to complete the take-over of the Hub by April 15, 1975, and therefore would continue to pay part of Rey Arnold's salary through Ashton Oil and Transportation, through that date.

Rey Arnold reported that he had booked 2,625 on the school program and that a followup letter was planned.

Gordon Wheeler reported that he felt that we were in reasonable shape on winter work on engine repairs but that the bridge over the Provo River was a critical factor to meet our proposed schedule. He further indicated that the condition of the track below the bridge was unknown, and we were faced with the usual cleanup of cars and depot.

C. H. Nielsen indicated that they had a line on 45 to 70 ton Diesels, and would keep us apprised of their progress.

J. R. Edwards indicated that a proposed lease agreement between the Railroad and the Museum had been mailed to all directors, and he asked for a reaction. Lowe Ashton suggested that because of the complications involved he would prefer to appoint a committee to review the lease in general. J. R. Edwards responded that the museum already had a committee for this purpose: Don Reiman, J. R. Edwards, C. H. Neilson, and Gordon Wheeler. Gordon Mendenhall moved that Lowe Ashton appoint a committee to be chaired by Del Wallengren, to handle, review, and negotiate. R. R. Green seconded. Motion carried.

Lowe Ashton appointed Del Wallengren as chairman with Gordon Mendenhall, James Ritchie, R.R. Green, and Wesley Budd.